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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

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RELATIONS BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA MAY BE DETERIORATING BECAUSE OF ARMED CLASHES IN A BORDER AREA THAT HAS BEEN IN DISPUTE SINCE THE TWO COUNTRIES BECAME INDEPENDENT IN 1960. THE CLASHES AND THE UPPER VOLTA GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON TUESDAY TO PLACE ITS ARMY AND GENDARMERIE ON ALERT FOR A POSSIBLE MOVE TO THE DISPUTED AREA INDICATE THAT TALKS BETWEEN MALIAN PRESIDENT TRAORE AND UPPER VOLTAN PRESIDENT LAMIZANA EARLIER THIS MONTH FAILED AGAIN TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

THE CLASHES PROBABLY RESULTED FROM OVER ZEALOUS TROOPS
STATIONED ON EACH SIDE OF THE BORDER. BOTH PRESIDENTS CONTINUE

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TO EXPRESS PUBLICLY A DESIRE TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE THROUGH
NEGOTIATIONS. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAS REPORTEDLY SENT A DELEGATION
TO MOGADISCIO TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM OAU CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT SIAD.

THE TWO LEADERS WILL PROBABLY REACH AN ACCOMMODATION EVENTUALLY.
LAMIZANA AND TRAORE ARE OLD FRIENDS AND APPEAR TO BE SINCERE ABOUT
THEIR DESIRE TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE PEACEFULLY.

THE AREA IN QUESTION IS REPORTED TO BE FERTILE AND RICH IN
MINERALS, INCLUDING OIL. NOMADS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN
INTERMINGLING IN THE AREA FOR YEARS. E2 IMPDET.H

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